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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT
SUBJECT: VISIT CHARLES PORTER

1. SENATOR HATFIELD HAS ASKED US TO PASS ALONG HIS REQUEST THAT EMBASSY RENDER MR. PORTER (LAWYER AND FORMER CONGRESSMAN FROM OREGON, ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE DURING HIS PLANNED VISIT TO IRAN.

2. IN LETTER TO SENATOR, PORTER PROVIDES FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON HIS PURPOSE:

QTE. NEXT MONTH, I SHALL BE VISITING FOR SEVERAL DAYS IN TEHRAN AND A NUMBER OF IRANIANS HERE IN OREGON AND ELSEWHERE HAVE ASKED ME TO INQUIRE INTO FAIR TRIAL PROCEDURES AS THEY RELATE TO CERTAIN POLITICAL PRISONERS. I EXPECT TO BE WORKING AGAIN IN COOPERATION WITH AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL.

SPECIFICALLY I SHOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO CONSIDER DOING THE FOLLOWING TO HELP MY INQUIRY:

1. SEND A TELEGRAM TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN TEHRAN REQUESTING THAT THE AMBASSADOR ASSIST ME IN EVERY APPROPRIATE WAY TO FIND AND SEE THE PARTICULAR OFFICIALS WHO MAY BE
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ABLE TO HELP ME VISIT THE PRISONS AND INTERVIEW CERTAIN

POLITICAL PRISONERS AND FIND OUT THE STATUS OF OTHERS.

2. ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE STATE DEPARTMENT CAN SUPPLY ANY INFORMATION TO ME ABOUT THE FOLLOWING POLITICAL PRISONERS:

ENGINEER EZATOLLAH SAHABI, UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR, ADEL-ABAD PRISON IN SHIRAZ, MR. TAHER AHMAD-ZADEH, BUSINESSMAN, SAME PRISON; DR. ABBAS SHEIBANI, PHYSICIAN, GHASSR PRISON; DR. ALI SHARIATI, UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR, SOCIOLOGIST FROM THE SORBONNE IN PARIS, AUTHOR OF MORE THAN EIGHTY BOOKS, AT THE COMMITE PRISON, TEHERAN; LUTFOLLAH MAYTHAMI, AND DR. SIMIN SALAHI, WHO DISAPPEARED AUGUST 18, 1974 AND IS SAID TO BE UNDER SEVERE TORTURE BY ZAVAK.

3. RECEIVING FROM STATE THE LATEST INFORMATION ABOUT THE POLITICAL SYSTEM IN IRAN, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO TRIALS, DETENTION AND TREATMENT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. UNQTE.

3. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE PORTER WITH INFORMATION ON ALLEGED PRISONERS. INGERSOLL

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